THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The year-wise tax revenue collected on account of Securities Transaction Tax in as under:—

Financial Year	Amount (in crores of Rs.)
2004-05	589
2005-06	2513
2006-07 (upto 30.6.2006)	1218

The details of Short Term Capital Gains Taxes are not maintained separately.

(b) Details of taxes paid by the Foreign Institutional Investors and Mutual Funds are not centrally maintained and their compilation would require collection of information from field units located all over the country involving substantial time and effort which may not be commensurate to the purpose should to be achieved.

Low ratio of Banks in Bihar

†1546. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of banks in proportion to the population in Bihar is lowest in the country and no branch of banks has been opened as yet in the 38 blocks in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to improve the said situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) As reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the data on the number of bank branches and the average population per bank branch (APPBB) as on 31.3.2006 state-wise including Bihar is at Statement (See below). During the year 2005-06, ten branches of nationalized/private sector banks were opened in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

6 Districts of Bihar namely Begusarai, Bhagalpur, Katihar, Muzaffarpur, Patna & Samastipur, whereas in the remaining 32 districts, RBI has reported that no branch of scheduled commercial bank was opened.

As per the extant Branch Authorisation Policy, banks are free to open branches at the location of their choice keeping in view the viability, infrastructure, law and order situation and potential for business etc. Banks are encouraged to open branches in under banked districts and rural centers. RBI has also issued guidelines for engaging business facilitators and correspondents with a view to promote financial inclusion and to increase the outreach of the banking sector in these areas. It has been decided to enable banks to use the services of Non-Governmnta! Organisations (NGOs)/Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Micro-finance Institutions and other Civil Society Organisations as intermediaries in providing fianncial and banking services.

With banks adopting the business facilitator & correspondent models approach, leading to increased banking facilities particularly in the rural and underbanked areas, the yardstick of Average Population Per Branch Office (APPBO) would become less significant.

Statement

State/U.T.—Wise No. of Bank Branches (As on 31-03-2006) and APPBB

State/U.T.	Number of Branches	APPBB** ('000)
Andaman & Nicobar	34	12
Andhra Pradesh	5479	15
Arunachal Pradesh	68	17
Assam	1239	23
Bihar	3587	25
Chandigarh	207	5
Chhattisgarh	1043	22
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	12	21
Daman & Diu	16	11
Delhi	1715	9

State/U.T.	Number of Branches	APPBB** ('000)
Goa	348	4
Gujarat	3759	15
Haryana	1740	13
Himachal Pradesh	814	8
Jammu & Kashmir	872	13
Jharkhand	1502	19
Karnataka	5049	11
Kerala	3585	9
Lakshadweep	10	7
Madhya Pradesh	3502	19
Maharashtra	6568	16
Manipur	77	33
Meghalaya	187	13
Mizoram	79	12
Nagaland	72	30
Orissa	2307	17
Pondicherry	90	12
Punjab	2770	9
Rajasthan	3438	18
Sikkim	,56	10
Tamil Nadu	4929	13
Tripura	182	19
Uttar Pradesh	8407	22
Uttaranchal	904	10
West Bengal	4574	19
ALL-INDIA	69221	16

**Average Population per bank Branch (in '000) Note:
Bank Branch data exclude administrative offices.